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FROM GEN. THOMAS' ARMY.

GRAPHIC ACCOUNT OF THE FIRST TWO DAYS' BATTLES.

HOW LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN WAS CAPTURED.

[From Our Own Reporter.]
SUMMIT OF LOOKOUT, Nov. 24, 1863.

I have heretofore sent you private information of the position of the Union army. At the present time, as fatal obstacle to the narration of the events you will find recorded in this letter, and because no possible harm can come from their publication, I give your readers also our situation on the morning of the 23d inst.

THE SITUATION.

To Chattanooga, I need not tell you, our troops, which have so many weeks occupied the town, were in their proper position. These, as you know, consisted of the 4th and 14th army corps, the old army of the Cumberland before its re-organization, and were commanded by Gens. Granger and Palmer respectively. Gen. Hooker, in command of the army composed of the 11th and 12th corps, was in Lookout Valley, between the point of Lookout and Parke's, where the Wauhatchie road strikes the Chattanooga pike. Gen. Ewing, of whose occupation of Trenton, in Will Valley, I have heretofore informed you, had moved his division up the valley to Hawkie's location, near where Will runs into Lookout Valley. Gen. D. S. Stanley, who on Saturday relieved Gen. Croft of the command of the 1st division, 4th army corps, was on the south side of the river near Bridgeport, with one brigade. The 3d brigade of this division was at Shell Mound, and the 2d at Whiteside's.

Gen. Sherman with the bulk of his army was crossing the river at Brown's Ferry, and moving to a position six miles north of Chattanooga, where he had a pontoon bridge in readiness to throw over the Tennessee, and which he thought to use to pass his division over and attack the rebel rear east of Missionary Ridge. Gen. Croft, in command of the 2d and 3d brigades of the 1st division, 4th Army Corps, was ordered to move his men into Lookout Valley and report to General Hooker, leaving behind him troops enough to hold the mountain passes at Shell Mound and Whiteside's. This was the military situation on Sunday morning, the the 22d inst.

You will remember that I was at Bridgeport, and that in what follows I speak from my standpoint, which was with Gen. Croft.

DEPARTURE.

Gen. Croft intended to move several days earlier, but Gen. Osterhaus' division, which brought up Sherman's rear, was so dilatory in its movements that it was impossible to move trains over the road, and he was compelled to defer his departure until Sunday evening. Our horses were sent on in advance in charge of the colored servants; and the General and his staff, among whom for the nonce, your correspondent was included, took passage for Whiteside on the crazy, rickety cars, at this time comprising the rolling stock of the Bridgeport and Chattanooga Railroad. We arrived at Whiteside in due season and quartered for the night on Col. Grose, commanding the post.

AT WHITESIDE.

While here we heard of the evacuation of Trenton by the division commanded by Gen. Ewing, and also that Sherman was passing the river at Brown's Ferry, and that the 11th Corps was in Chattanooga. A fellow-lieutenant of Indiana battery informed us that during Saturday night several bridges were thrown across the small creek which winds along the base of Missionary Ridge, as if an attack was about to be made on the left, in connection with Sherman's attack beyond it.

MARCHING.

On Monday morning Gen. Whittaker moved his brigade from Shell Mound, and towards noon Col. Gross moved from Whiteside, and the whole, led by Gen. Croft, who, by special order from Gen. Thomas, was placed in charge of the expedition, marched to join Gen. Hooker, in Lookout Valley. According to orders, just before we left, an aid of Gen. Grant called at headquarters after a night's hard work in hastening forward Osterhaus' Division. From him I learned that the attack in front of Chattanooga would be almost unocupon with the attack above 16 by Sherman. This was fixed for Monday morning, but owing to the extraordinary delay of Osterhaus, in affecting his juncture with Sherman, the order was countermanded. The same officer informed me that the feint in the direction of Trenton succeeded admirably. The rebels supposed the attack was to be made by way of Will Valley, and threw over a large force to repel it. The delay in the attack doubtless enabled them to correct their error without prejudice.

RECONNOISSANCE.

We reached Lookout Valley, and from Perrisdale to Wauhatchie, without incident of importance. Just as we were leaving the main Valley road to reach the ground selected for our camp, we heard several heavy guns fired in quick succession in Chattanooga, about four miles distant, followed by the rattle of musketry and roar of field artillery. The volleys were rapid and continuous for half an hour or more, and then gradually died away. Guns from Lookout and guns from the works in Chattanooga, kept up an angry roar until nightfall, sounding for all the world like the mutterings of distant thunder when the storm has passed. In the midst of the noise and clatter we reached Hooker's headquarters, and to our inquiries as to the meaning of it, were told that Gen. Wiffich's Brigade was making a reconnoissance in force, to develop the rebel position. We subsequently learned that in this reconnoissance we captured a line of rifle-pits and two hundred prisoners. I intended to go to Chattanooga Monday evening, but learned that the pontoon bridge was down, which accident, although it distressed me sorely then, I bless it now since it enabled me to to witness the

CAPTURE OF LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN.

It has been my fortune to participate in and describe several engagements since the outbreak of the rebellion. Under ordinary circumstances it is exceedingly difficult to trace the progress of battle. We know that it opens on the right, for instance, and that it rolls along the line to the centre, and then to the left, and, perhaps back again. We know this because the fire slackens on the right and increases on the left. Very seldom is the looker-on so circumstanced that he sees the initial point of battle—can put his finger on a certain spot and say "right here the pickets fired, here they fell back to the rifle-pits, there the artillery opened fiery—mouthed upon them—at this point we took the first line of rifle-pits—at that the second, and here, right here, we gained the fifteen." This point of observation is usually lower than the battle-ground, and then hills and valleys, forest and streams hide from view the scene of action. To-day I stationed myself on a high hill above the smoke of guns and cannon, where the railroad, the valley, Lookout Creek, and the broad mountain side lay unrolled like a map before me. I wish I was able to draw the mountain in prodic and represent it in these columns. It is impossible, and I must content myself with a bare description.

[illegible] three o'clock, Tuesday morning, we were awakened by the guard, who introduced a messenger from Gen. Croft to send to Gen. Whittaker's brigade at the earliest dawn of day to Manhatchie, to co-operate with Hooker. The order was obeyed as directed. Again at six o'clock we were ordered to move Col. Gross' brigade out into the Valley and report immediately. We reported to him at six and before seven we had breakfasted and were in motion. Gen. Osterhaus' division was unable to cross the river at Brown's ferry, because of the change to the pontoon bridges, and it was also placed in position with Gen. Hooker's troops. This was the position: Osterhaus on the left, Geary on the centre and Geary and Whit aker on the right.

Lookout Mountain, from the valley, stands up boldly against the sky two thousand feet at the summit, and showing on its extreme point a precipitous rocky face, at whose base the mountain gradually recedes and tapers gradually down until it strikes the river. Between Lookout Valley and the Mountain, or what is better, in the middle of Lookout Valley is a series of hills from one hundred to three hundred feet high, all of which are to oralle the best end of Lookout, and command it at different angles. Between these hills and the mountain proper, winds Lookout Creek, emptying into the Tennessee near the base. The railroad also strikes the Tennessee at the base of Lookout. The bridge across the creek was burned.

Our picket lines were on the west side of the creek, and the rebels on the east side. Upon the western slope of Lookout, from its point to Wauhatchie, was stationed a brigade of rebel soldiers—Gen. Walther's brigade—Cleatham's division, Hardee's army corps—consisting of the 27th, 34th, 24th, 30th, 29th, 37th Mississippi, and the 40th and 37th Alabama infantry. There was a strong picket line on the creek, with reserves in rifle pits behind, and the balance of the regiments in the gap half-way up the mountain.

The order was given for Col. Gross' brigade to retrace its line of battle, take possession of a peak of timbered and bald, which overlooked the valley, and which was the key to the position. This was the

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of no little difficulty. Two regiments were detailed for this duty—the 54th and 75th Illinois. When they advanced, they were sharply received, and the bullets whistled merrily. No one was hurt, however, and our boys soon made the attempt to fire on them—a dangerous undertaking—and the rebel pickets were forced to fall behind the railroad embankments, whence, with impunity for a time, they fired their lead missiles among the brave Illinoisans.

By this time three batteries had been placed upon so many points overlooking the valley, and when these opened upon the rebel charge, took on a terrible, direct and enfilading fire. Added in the course of half an hour caused them to abandon their rifle pits and seek the cover of the timber further up the mountain, when along the road they had constructed a line of rifle pits and earthworks. Meantime along the route, the firing and skirmishing was rapidly increasing, and volleys were given and received. All this time it was comparatively quiet at Wauhatchie. We could hear occasional shots, but nothing like the tumult going on in our front. You know what was being done there. We looked. There were singular dark lines just this side of a clump of cedars; with the naked eye we could not tell if they were fences or soldiers. We crept the glass, and there we saw the rebel battle lines of line, emerging from the dark evergreens. Can it be possible that Geary and Whittaker are swerging the slope of the mountain? We looked again and doubt was removed. There was a line clean up to the bottom of the rocky coronet—another just behind and a little lower, and still another, and another, and another, until the last line of line rested on the creek.

They advanced, gradually, and it appears painfully, over the rocky steep, now crawling over some projecting boulder, and then pulling themselves up by some hanging shrub and bush. We can see the lines of Geary, and we wait in breathless expectation for the word of deadly rifles. We wait not long. Away up on the mountain we see a faint puff of blue smoke, and then a report comes rolling back. This is followed by another, and then the whole line belches and roars and rattles like echoing thunder. Another line follows and joins in the attack, and then another. The rebels reply and fall back. Presently a charge is made, and we know from the indescribable yell which comes back to us above the roar and tumult of battle, that it has been successful. We see that we have taken their camps. We drive them through it—they rallying a moment in their little rifle pits, and the line, with a yell, at last, before our boys are after them. Then the struggling lines of greybacks cross the ridge and we can see them hurrying and running and pushing each other in their eagerness to escape. They leap over the earthworks on the proble of the mountain, and disappear. "Hurrah! there goes the stripes and stars!" and there's another! Two regiments headed by the honored emblem are rushing for the honor of first entering the rebel works.

One is in advance—we don't know which, and it is of no consequence—it is on the parapet—floating is planted—we see a blue-coated artillerist spring on the embankment, and wave his hat. He is calling for three cheers. Let us help him: "Hip-hip-hurrah." We swing our hats in air, are ready to laugh or weep for joy. The gallant flag on the mountain drops. Some hostile bullet has slain him.

THE BATTLE IS OVER.

The western slope of dreaded, grim old Lookout is ours, and with it the "but end," towards Chattanooga.

In the excitement of conflict we do not think of time, but it is long after 12 when we ride over the field and see the bodies of friends—men whom but a short hour ago we saw all aglow with hope and excitement—lying the cold, stone dead upon the rebel charge-lookers

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THREE DAYS AND THOSE.

It is difficult to realize how fast we are making history in these days. We are passing from one quarter of magnitude to another by which we forget the previous one. Let any man run over the various matters which have engaged the public attention during the short two and a half years which have passed since the war began, and note how one matter has swallowed another, as snakes are said to take in their fellows, beginning at the caudal end, and he will be surprised at their number and importance. We finish and dismiss a question of the ages now, with more celerity than we formerly settled it, whether Mr. Jones or Mr. Smith is the greater liar, and our best representatives in the State Legislature.

First, the public mind was occupied with the matter of the secession, pure and simple. Could a State secede? Before we could settle it by argument we went to settling it by knocks. From secession we went to the matter of arbitrary arrests. From that we passed to the question of emancipation, which blossomed in the President's Proclamation, and is ripening fruits in actual deliverances of Nubian chattels, and now comes the question of reconstruction, with all the composite facts, principles, and queries which make it up, and all this time, a great war goes on, and all its varied interests—interests which concern foreign nations—interests which concern humanity, in the care and provision for soldiers in their wounds and sickness, according to the demands of the relities of the nineteenth century—all these matters are attended to and properly disposed of. Ordinarily one of these great matters would consume two decades. But we are slipping along through them as if they were every day questions.

Nor do we merely slip through them. It is wonderful with what satisfactoriness on the whole, they are disposed of. They are all, under the circumstances, ugly questions to handle. There are various opposing shoals them all; and opinions formed during a course of years, and fortified and made spinous by innumerable prejudices and political interests. In truth we have actually lived off about twenty years during the last three, and yet few people are at all aware how far we have drifted. Few perhaps actually realize how different are all the aspects and estates of things now, as compared with those of four and five years ago, when his functitude J. B. of Wheatland, was President. Our attention has been so entirely taken up by the war, that we have scarcely had time to think of merely political questions; or of questions not partisan, but which concern administration, and the dignity and honor of the Government.

But turn your eye back to the days when the Buchanan dynasty roosted and rotted in the high places of this nation. True the sight of caution is not agreeable, even at a great distance, but it may be well to look for the sake of comparison nevertheless; for, hope and courage need to be held up in these days. Think of the universal and intense corruption that alarmed all thoughtful men; that made honest men blush whenever the thought of public affairs came into their minds; that raised the question, "how long can, or ought a nation to survive, when public virtue has died out of those who control it."

To how many men, groaning over these dismal questions did the war come as a relief. Let us have war!—anything but this putrid air, stagnant and full of odors from the various charnel houses of dirty virtues—anything rather than the dance of the demons, who ought to have gone into the swine. If, indeed, they did not, and have returned hither after nineteen hundred years. A storm out of doors is better than the still weather of the "Black Hole."

Probably the rascals are not all dead yet; but it is a comfort to afford them life, if we can be rid of their presence in the Government. We cannot affirm that none of them have anything more to do with the nation's affairs, but it is a consolation that we do not have to be in a state of searching now of their whereabouts. It is now nearly two years since we were shut daily regaled with historical accomplaints of peculation. If such charges are now brought in, they are strictly exceptions, such as we may expect to encounter under any Administration, at any time. True, when the war broke out, we had a turn of shoddy contracts and stealing manœuvres, as if some of the foul birds had held over in the old nest; or some of the incomers supposed that fraud had got herself recognized, and was now to be as of old, the rule; only that a new and much bigger swarm were to have their chance.

But the truth was, and we may if we will, recognize it, the nation had elected a man to the Chief Magistracy, who *did not believe in stealing*—had not been brought up to it; and not having been accustomed to steal at home and for himself, did not believe in it at Washington, and for others. The result has been, that stealing is not in fashion as it was. It cannot now flaunt itself and put on airs, but must skulk about, and cover its tracks, and set hideous lies to get along. If by not stealing we have gained here, worth even a part of the costs of the war? Integrity in national administration is worth something after all.

So are brains. This nation will some day come to the recognition of the fact, that the ease with which the various difficult questions that have arisen have been settled, have been due to the pulling a man into the Presidential chair, whose distinguishing trait of mind is, his ability to untie hard knots; a man with a penetrative cast of mind, which does not forever jump blindly through the thicket, nor always go around it, but patiently picks on and digs through. What could we have done with such fellows as Pierce and Buchanan amid the questions of the past three years?

Something too, deserves to be said, if right were in right places, near the Chief Magistrate. Reader, you may think what you like of the management of finance, Foreign Affairs, and of the Army, under their separate heads. We shall not dictate the thought to you.

But out of all these, and other like considerations, it is hoped you can extract a sufficiency of comfortable material of thought and feeling to enable you to eat your dinner to-day with a good degree of satisfaction, and to be of a thoughtful mind that these days are not as those days.

NAPOLEON AND THE REBELS.

In nothing is the strange infatuation of the leaders of the rebellion more marked than in the many ways in which they attempt to reverse all the teachings of political philosophy, and deny the validity of the best tested and universally received principles of good government. It was a crowning out of this insane conceit, this crazy defiance of all the wisdom of all the past and present, that is seen in their monstrous proposition, that slavery is the only true foundation and durable corner stone of a republican government. No man but one that had much of the insane root that takes the reason prisoner, could ever have propounded a proposition so monstrous. Akin to it, and springing from the same disordered brain, is the proposition that slavery is the only sure basis and source of national wealth and independence; that the only powerful and happy republic of civil and manly virtue; that the only fair and inviting mother of arts, literature and science. None but eyes grown purblind in the grossest darkness of ignorance, deaf and blind to all the teachings and examples of history, with their reason the thrall of the wildest passion, or the fool of the most fantastic dreams, could ever screw such doctrines; or not to work to build upon such a crazy foundation as enduring political fabric. The whole world holds them in derision, and nature spares into instant ruin all their work of folly and crime.

It is the working of this same extraordinary insanity—*for in other word extravagance* it could not be—that those new builders of State policy, in struggle to rend the Union into two rival and abutting nations; and thus compel both parts to organize and maintain standing armies and thus to exert continually tremendous forces each way and decrease, to their ruin the resources of both, to the benefit of foreign nations, and bring about those never-ending collisions and wars, beneath which every nation in Europe to-day groans and bleeds; but which the wisdom of our fathers has heretofore saved us from, by that greatest and wisest of all political expedients, combining many separate States into one supreme and enduring Union. So enormous has become the burden in Europe, of supporting their standing armies, and such ah forebore they are with justly thought by everybody, on the labor, the enterprise, the progress, the life of nations, that with all men of thought, of patriotic hope, or philanthropic purpose, one paramount object of their deepest solicitude and most constant effort, is to devise some plan by which these oppressive and terrible institutions, eating out the substance of the land, and devouring its children, may with safety be abolished. So earnest and profound is this feeling and desire, so apparent to all is the magnitude and depth of the evil, that we find Napoleon bringing it forward in his speech from the throne, and proposing to call a European Congress to repress, if possible, the evil; or at least, lessen in some way, its imminent danger. He says:

"What can be more in consonance with the ideas of the age, with the wishes of the greatest number, than to submit to a common examination the means to put a stop to the ruinous progress of standing armies, and to seek in the principles, the sources, the future of civilization, the remedy which is to cure the actual sufferings? Let us endeavor, then, to substitute for the state of constant warfare which exists, a definitive state of peace. Let us consolidate it by wise institutions, and prepare for the days that are to follow the consolations which they promise to humanity. In a word, let us do for peace what has been done for war. It looks now as if Richmond, and even Charleston and Savannah would be prizes to western valor, as was the case with Columbus, Donelson, Vicksburg, Knoxville, Chattanooga, and other rebel strongholds.

THE RICHMOND PRISONERS.

The exchanged Union surgeons arrived here in time to enjoy a good Thanksgiving dinner, and they did enjoy it heartily. They look considerably the worse for wear. Their garments appear to have served them for night and day for a year, and their linen, or rather woolen, sadly needs shifting. A number of the officers are quite ragged, or may be better. They state that the prisoners, upon their arrival at Richmond, from other parts where captured, were obliged to stand three hours in the hot sun, while the wounded men were conveyed through the streets in ots. A Dr. Whitney remonstrated against this, and was taken before the Provost Marshal, stripped of his sword and sash, and all his money. Indeed, all the prisoners had their money, amounting in the case of the surgeons and officers alone, to $17,000, taken from them. It was promised that it should be returned to them in kind; but instead, it was returned in Confederate money, entirely worthless here. When the officers entered the prison, their rations consisted of one pound of beef per day, (bones and all,) and sixteen ounces of bread. They had to cook their own food. They soon felt the deficiency in the rations after the middle of last month. The fresh beef was first issuing, turning up once in four days. One pound of corn bread was furnished then for each two after this, with one sweet potato. They were treated with the greatest contempt on all occasions. In fact, with the usual disregard of the rights of human beings which distinguishes the man-stealing Confederacy. Among the prisoners is Surgeon John T. Lisle, of the U. S. navy, of Tennessee. He was taken on Morris Island, Charleston, and was confined in the Libby prison, Richmond, where he found one thousand officers confined in seven rooms. Forty were crowded into each room, and they had no bedding or blankets, but were compelled to sleep with not blankets or bedding, left to shift for themselves as they best could. Even in South Carolina, and also in North Carolina, he found some Union men and women who assisted him. There are no fires in the Libby Prison, and half the windows are without glass. The best rations they had in the prison consisted of one pound of wheat bread, one-fourth of a pound of fresh beef, and two ounces of rice. After a while, corn bread was substituted for wheat, and very often they had no rice or beef, and but one or two small pieces of pork issued. The man at Belle Island (the worst den of the lot, were brought to the other prisons starving, and some of them are said to have died while in the act of eating their food. On the way from one prison to the other, they would eagerly devour any offal thrown to them. This is the manner in which our men have been treated by those miserable traitors and scoundrels.

THE GLORIOUS NEWS FROM CHATTANOOGA.

The glorious news from Chattanooga was received here yesterday with great joy by all true Union men, while the rebel sympathizers were silent. It is understood that the guns captured were principally those which the rebels had in position to shell our works around Chattanooga, and also to intercept our supplies. The eastern men are getting quite tired of the war by this time, and the copperheads are getting ahead of them in the war. It looks now as if Richmond, and even Charleston and Savannah would be prizes to western valor, as was the case with Columbus, Donelson, Vicksburg, Knoxville, Chattanooga, and other rebel strongholds.

THE REBELS AND THE COLORED PRISONERS.

In a former letter I spoke of the President's determination not to proceed with the exchange of prisoners until our colored regiments were in every respect put on an equality with our whites. I forgot, at that time, to notice that our white officers of colored regiments share the same fate in prison as do their men. So that those miserable secesh, traitor sheets, like the *Times* and others, when they ask us to give up the colored troops to the barbarous rules which the rebels have thought fit to make, ask us to give up their white officers to the cruelty of the rebels. We are only doing what they have done since the war commenced, asking us to give up everything to the rebels, even the Union itself. But I am glad to know that the faith of the Government is pledged to protect these men, and that the President will not abandon them. On this he can find that no power on earth can move him. And Mr. Lincoln was the man who showed the nerve in this matter from the start. With his own hand he wrote the order to that effect. The President has also ordered that the stern law of retaliation shall go into effect to avenge the death of the first Union soldier of whatever color whom the enemy shall destroy in cold blood or sell into slavery. Their exchange of colored soldiers and their white officers, I am assured on the highest authority, will be insisted on before another rebel prisoner is exchanged.

THE NATIONAL BANKS.

The formation of National Banks is going on all over the country. A fine marble-front building is going up for the First National Bank in this city. It is fronting the Treasury, and will cost $50,000.

The first National Bank of New Orleans has had $600,000 subscribed to its stock in that city. These banks promise, to a great extent, to do away with the State banks, and thus give a uniformity to the currency, so very desirable and necessary in bank transactions.

THE FRACTIONAL CURRENCY.

The new fractional currency recently issued has been found to be a total failure. Each bill consists of two pieces of thin paper pasted together, which come apart after exposure to the least moisture. A new design is now in preparation, which will contain a *fac simile* of the coin, which each bill represents, and will have a border enclosing them of some simple but difficult design to counterfeit. The machinery in the Treasury Department for making money, driven by steam power, is certainly wonderful.

NEW PATENTS.

The following, with other new patents, have been issued since my last:

To J. D. Congre, Lyndon, Ill., Improvement in grain dischargers for elevators.

To Thomas Stiles, Hamlin, Iowa, Improvement in grain separators.

To Wm. Foster, Prairie City, Ill., Improvement in corn planters.

To John W. True, Richmond, Ia., Improvement in washing machines.

To John F. Hinman, Battle Creek, Mich., improvement in harvesters.

To John D. Netts, Dubuque, Iowa, Improvement in photographic albums.

To Wm. A. Ashcroft, Iowa, Improvement in pumps.

POST MASTERS APPOINTED.

L. A. Danby, Frankfort, Michigan Isaac J. D. Cook, Oak Grove, Livingston, Co., Mich. Edward Spence, Michigan City, Ind. Silas Cheek, Redford, Wayne Co., Michigan; Hiram Gardner, Jerome, Jackson county, Mich.; W. K. Reynolds, Ingleside, Lake Co., Ill.; Amos W. Blackford, New Hamilton, Wayne county, Indiana; Samuel Hendrickson, Dayton, O.; S. Cameron, Rockbridge, Oregon Co.; J. Talcot, Money Creek, Hennepin Co., Minn.; Simon Sargent, Aaron Coates, Steele Co.; Richard S. Rickel, Pine Prairie, Henry Co., Ill.; Andrew Hoffman, Astoria, Fulton Co., Ill.; John B. Jones, Pentaine, Mahaska Co., Iowa; Thomas Adams, Genoa, Dodge Co., Wisc.; George W. Dewell, Concordville, Ottawa Co., Mich.; Elijah Warner, Gaspar, Allegan Co., Mich.; R. S. Mayne, Moulton, Appanoose Co., Iowa; Joseph Spencer, Decatur, Ill.; H. Jones, Lincoln Centre, Wayne County; L. B. Jenney, Jenney, Jones County; ——— ———, Discontinued.

Flora, Mich., Greene Co.; W. ; Rowe, Otis Co., Ill.; Chili Center, Illinois Co., Ill.; Rock Creek, Jones Co., Iowa; Farwell Co., Ill.; Holt, Tarlor Co., Iowa; Cedar Lake Co., Mich.; Grand View, Iowa; Nair, Pottawattamie Co., Iowa; Camp Grove, Iowa; Clark Co., Mich.; Singer, Genesee Co., Mich.; Tuscola, Tuscola Co., Mich.; Grand Meadow, Mower Co., Iowa; Mayer, Mower Co., Iowa; Centralia, Dubuque Co., Iowa; Wabash Grove, Jones County, Ill.; Scott, La Salle Co., Ill.; Hazelwood, Hancock Co., Ill.; Dutch Hollow, Saux Co., Wis.; Mineola, Crawford Co., Wis.; Farmer, Fayette Co., Iowa; Dayton, Bremer Co., Iowa; Newport, Johnson Co., Iowa.

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THE SECOND WEST TENNESSEE COLORED REGIMENT.

Flag Presentation by Illinois Ladies.

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

MOSCOW, TENN., Nov. 19, 1863.

It may be necessary to inform your readers that this regiment was organized at La grange, Tenn., in June last, under the auspices of the gallant Dick Gregory, then commanding the left wing of the 16th Army Corps, assisted by that other brave and patriotic Illinois officer, Col. James M. True, of the 63d Illinois, who at that time was in command of the infantry and artillery forces between La grange and Memphis. The regiment now numbers between eight and nine hundred men, and is officered entirely from North-western regiments, the majority of the officers being from Illinois. The Colonel, Frank A. Kirkpatrick, formerly Major of the 2d Iowa cavalry, is an experienced and accomplished officer, extensively and favorably known in the Western army, through his previous services with the cavalry. A remarkable degree of proficiency has already been attained by these soldiers, and I should like some of your copperhead friends, who don't think that men capable of becoming soldiers, to see them on drill or parade. It would convince them that even such persons can acquire the appearance of soldiers, at least.

Certain patriotic ladies of Springdale, Illinois, the home of two Union soldiers there, have taken sufficient interest in this regiment to prepare for it a magnificent silk flag, which presented a few days since. On this occasion the regiment was paraded in full uniform, Major E. F. Gurley, Jr., made the presentation in behalf of the ladies, reading the subjoined address:

SPRINGDALE, Ill., Oct. 12, 1863.

Soldiers of the Second Regiment West Tennessee Volunteers:

We, the ladies of the Ladies' Loyal League, and the Soldiers' Aid Society, of Springdale, Ill., we send you this flag.

In 1776 it is hardly dear as the emblem of Union and Liberty. We are surprised that you will accept of it, for you have insulted the glorious emblem of your country, brothers who fought it through the smoke of battle, as the dear sire of your freedom, and never part with it while there is a hand to grasp it, or a brave heart to inspire it.

MRS. E. F. GURLEY,
Secretary Ladies' Loyal League.
MRS. L. TUTTON,
Secretary Soldiers' Aid Society.

Col. Kendrick, in receiving the flag for the regiment, thanked the ladies for the kind interest they had manifested in the regiment, and the efforts of its officers to advance the country's cause, and pledged to them, and to the world, that whenever occasion should arise, such as during the house of Southern Independence, the soldiers of the 2d West Tennessee would not be found wanting; on the contrary, he determined that with like opportunity their record should be to the world an example of heroism not surpassed even by that of the illustrious 54th Massachusetts and the 1st Louisiana.

After the singing of the Star Spangled Banner, the regiment gave three hearty cheers for the ladies of the Loyal League and Soldiers' Aid Society of Springfield. Cheers were also given for the flag, for the President, and the Emancipation Proclamation, and for General Grant.

A deep interest, on the part of the soldiers, in this occasion and ceremony was evinced by their close attention and their enthusiasm at times. They are evidently alive to the dignity and the important duties which devolve upon their position, and I think there need be no apprehension that the old flag will ever suffer dishonor in their hands.

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OUR PRISONERS AT RICHMOND.

How they are treated by the Rebels.

Official Report of the Released Prisoners.

WASHINGTON, NOV. 28.

The following official statement of all the ninety-five Surgeons recently released from Libby Prison, was this p. m. presented to the President. Dr. Ashmun, of Ohio, was President of the Board, at which the statement was adopted. While we have all along known their true character, the rebels have succeeded in convincing the world that we barbarously violated the rules of war, but that their conduct was always regulated by the most scrupulous regard for humanity. The following document which calmly and dispassionately recites the facts on the faith and honor of ninety-five medical officers, none below the rank of Major or Captain, is valuable not only for the new light it throws on the dismal sufferings of our prisoners, but mainly because it gives us the recital of their sufferings and the attestation of an official assertion that no man in his senses will question.

SURGEONS ADDRESS.

CHESAPEAKE BAY, Nov. 26, 1863.

At a meeting of the Surgeons of the United States Army and Navy lately confined in prison in Richmond, Va., of which G. F. Cooper, Surgeon of the 7th Ohio volunteer infantry, was chosen Chairman, and J. McCurdy, Surgeon of the 11th Ohio volunteer infantry, was chosen Secretary, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That a committee of seven be appointed to prepare a report on the condition and treatment of medical officers prisoners in Richmond, also the prisoners' quality and quantity of rations, and treatment of our sick and wounded. The following committee was appointed:

Surgeon Thomas Sewell, of Va.; N. Q. Hewitt, Surgeon 8th Ills. vols; Wm. Houston, Surgeon 15th Ills. vols; Wm. Thomson, Surgeon 11th Ohio vols; J. Marcus Rice, Surgeon 4th Mass. vols; John C. Lack, Assistant Surgeon Navy, and Augustus Hamilton, Assistant Surgeon 1st R. I. cavalry.

The following report was presented by the Chairman of the Committee, which was read and adopted unanimously, after which the Committee received the thanks of the meeting and were discharged:

REPORT.

A Committee appointed by the U. S. Army and Navy Surgeons now in Richmond, Va., prisoners of war, to report the past and present condition and treatment of Union prisoners now held at that place, submit the following report from the personal observations and statements of fellow-prisoners, in whose veracity they have implicit confidence.

Officers, about 1,000 in all, and representing nearly all grades and both branches of the service, were confined in tobacco stores at the Libby Prison, a building formerly used as a warehouse. Each room is 45 feet wide and 100 feet long, affording to each prisoner about twenty-seven cubic feet of air. The rooms have unplastered walls, partitions and ceilings; but few of the latter are glazed, being either open to the full sweep of cold winds, or closed with boards or canvass, thus rendering the rooms dark and cheerless. One fireplace to each room, exclusively as kitchen and dining-room, with portions of others are also only doing what they have done since the war commenced, asking us to give up everything to the rebels, even the Union itself. But I am glad to know that the faith of the Government is pledged to protect these men, and that the President will not abandon them. On this he can find that no power on earth can move him. And Mr. Lincoln was the man who showed the nerve in this matter from the start. With his own hand he wrote the order to that effect. The President has also ordered that the stern law of retaliation shall go into effect to avenge the death of the first Union soldier of whatever color whom the enemy shall destroy in cold blood or sell into slavery. Their exchange of colored soldiers and their white officers, I am assured on the highest authority, will be insisted on before another rebel prisoner is exchanged.

THE NATIONAL BANKS.

The formation of National Banks is going on all over the country. A fine marble-front building is going up for the First National Bank in this city. It is fronting the Treasury, and will cost $50,000.

The first National Bank of New Orleans has had $600,000 subscribed to its stock in that city. These banks promise, to a great extent, to do away with the State banks, and thus give a uniformity to the currency, so very desirable and necessary in bank transactions.

THE FRACTIONAL CURRENCY.

The new fractional currency recently issued has been found to be a total failure. Each bill consists of two pieces of thin paper pasted together, which come apart after exposure to the least moisture. A new design is now in preparation, which will contain a *fac simile* of the coin, which each bill represents, and will have a border enclosing them of some simple but difficult design to counterfeit. The machinery in the Treasury Department for making money, driven by steam power, is certainly wonderful.

NEW PATENTS.

The following, with other new patents, have been issued since my last:

To J. D. Congre, Lyndon, Ill., Improvement in grain dischargers for elevators.

To Thomas Stiles, Hamlin, Iowa, Improvement in grain separators.

To Wm. Foster, Prairie City, Ill., Improvement in corn planters.

To John W. True, Richmond, Ia., Improvement in washing machines.

To John F. Hinman, Battle Creek, Mich., improvement in harvesters.

To John D. Netts, Dubuque, Iowa, Improvement in photographic albums.

To Wm. A. Ashcroft, Iowa, Improvement in pumps.

POST MASTERS APPOINTED.

L. A. Danby, Frankfort, Michigan Isaac J. D. Cook, Oak Grove, Livingston, Co., Mich. Edward Spence, Michigan City, Ind. Silas Cheek, Redford, Wayne Co., Michigan; Hiram Gardner, Jerome, Jackson county, Mich.; W. K. Reynolds, Ingleside, Lake Co., Ill.; Amos W. Blackford, New Hamilton, Wayne county, Indiana; Samuel Hendrickson, Dayton, O.; S. Cameron, Rockbridge, Oregon Co.; J. Talcot, Money Creek, Hennepin Co., Minn.; Simon Sargent, Aaron Coates, Steele Co.; Richard S. Rickel, Pine Prairie, Henry Co., Ill.; Andrew Hoffman, Astoria, Fulton Co., Ill.; John B. Jones, Pentaine, Mahaska Co., Iowa; Thomas Adams, Genoa, Dodge Co., Wisc.; George W. Dewell, Concordville, Ottawa Co., Mich.; Elijah Warner, Gaspar, Allegan Co., Mich.; R. S. Mayne, Moulton, Appanoose Co., Iowa; Joseph Spencer, Decatur, Ill.; H. Jones, Lincoln Centre, Wayne County; L. B. Jenney, Jenney, Jones County; ——— ———, Discontinued.

Flora, Mich., Greene Co.; W. ; Rowe, Otis Co., Ill.; Chili Center, Illinois Co., Ill.; Rock Creek, Jones Co., Iowa; Farwell Co., Ill.; Holt, Tarlor Co., Iowa; Cedar Lake Co., Mich.; Grand View, Iowa; Nair, Pottawattamie Co., Iowa; Camp Grove, Iowa; Clark Co., Mich.; Singer, Genesee Co., Mich.; Tuscola, Tuscola Co., Mich.; Grand Meadow, Mower Co., Iowa; Mayer, Mower Co., Iowa; Centralia, Dubuque Co., Iowa; Wabash Grove, Jones County, Ill.; Scott, La Salle Co., Ill.; Hazelwood, Hancock Co., Ill.; Dutch Hollow, Saux Co., Wis.; Mineola, Crawford Co., Wis.; Farmer, Fayette Co., Iowa; Dayton, Bremer Co., Iowa; Newport, Johnson Co., Iowa.

ZETA.

THE SECOND WEST TENNESSEE COLORED REGIMENT.

Flag Presentation by Illinois Ladies.

[From Our Special Correspondent.]

MOSCOW, TENN., Nov. 19, 1863.

It may be necessary to inform your readers that this regiment was organized at La grange, Tenn., in June last, under the auspices of the gallant Dick Gregory, then commanding the left wing of the 16th Army Corps, assisted by that other brave and patriotic Illinois officer, Col. James M. True, of the 63d Illinois, who at that time was in command of the infantry and artillery forces between La grange and Memphis. The regiment now numbers between eight and nine hundred men, and is officered entirely from North-western regiments, the majority of the officers being from Illinois. The Colonel, Frank A. Kirkpatrick, formerly Major of the 2d Iowa cavalry, is an experienced and accomplished officer, extensively and favorably known in the Western army, through his previous services with the cavalry. A remarkable degree of proficiency has already been attained by these soldiers, and I should like some of your copperhead friends, who don't think that men capable of becoming soldiers, to see them on drill or parade. It would convince them that even such persons can acquire the appearance of soldiers, at least.

Certain patriotic ladies of Springdale, Illinois, the home of two Union soldiers there, have taken sufficient interest in this regiment to prepare for it a magnificent silk flag, which

Wanted.

WANTED—A place by a young man as porter in a Dry Goods or Grocery store or carriage driver in a private family. Can take care of horse. Has good reference from present employer. Address, for two days, ——— ———

WANTED—A man competent to drive and take care of horses; also willing to do chamber work. Also, a girl to do chamber work. Address ——— ———

WANTED—Seventy-five (75) feet of Second-hand Gas Pipe. Apply to Tobin Dunphy, ——— ———

WANTED—To invest in some safe and good paying business one thousand dollars, and the services of the advertiser. An interest in the established business preferred. Address ——— ———

WANTED—Agents to canvass for new and saleable Books. Photographs, Albums, Prize Packages, etc. Dr. Warren's Hymns, Recipes and Statistics. This celebrated French chemist Raspail proposes it as a panacea.

—Mr. Lepard, M. P., has been treated to a special excursion made in his honor at Pompeii—the rocker cleaved to the pavement at his visit, revealed among the usual fragments a large wine jar, or amphora, inscribed "Lepardus flor 63."

—The attending physician of James B. Clay, at Montreal, writes a note to the Montreal Gazette, to deny the statement that Mr. Clay was engaged in the late rebel conspiracy. He has been confined to his bed for two months.

—A paragraph is going the rounds of the papers to the effect that Dr. Schwarz, of Breslau, Prussia, obviates the danger from using lead water pipes for drinking, by adding them a hot solution of potassium, which is said to convert the lead into a sulphide, and protects the water from the deleterious action of the lead. This statement cannot possibly be correct, as potassium always ignites in water instead of combining with it. It is sulphide of potassium, which is a deadly poison, which also causes dyspepsy.

—There is an establishment in the Bon Droit where you can buy odd pieces of anything. Lately they have been selling coins, and among others some very curious specimens, the bakers of Frederick II., stamped in Breslau in 1763. Among the varieties of money is an Austrian, who hated the Prussian King, and declared that Frederick was a robber of kingdoms, and had stolen Silesia. To the man who would present the engraving of the image and superscription. The former he left in his native plainness, but changed the latter into "Kin-Stein-thaler" or Kin Reich-stathler." When this was discovered the issue was called in; but a few coins got into circulation, and were sold for a high price. Druot this week of fancy—sick to say fabulous prices.—*Paris letter.*

The Winter Railroad Time Table.

MICHIGAN CENTRAL—DEPOT FOOT OF LAKE STREET.

	DEPART.	ARRIVE.
Detroit Express	9:00 a. m.	5:30 p. m.
Detroit Express	2:45 p. m.	10:30 p. m.
Detroit Express	6:00 p. m.	1:30 a. m.
Night Express	9:00 p. m.	6:00 a. m.

MICH. CENT., CINCINNATI AND LOUISVILLE LINE.

Morning Express	8:30 a. m.	10:35 p. m.
Night Express	5:00 p. m.	7:00 a. m.

MICHIGAN SOUTHERN—DEPOT CORNER VAN BUREN AND SHERMAN STREETS.

Day Express	8:30 a. m.	9:30 p. m.
Evening Express	5:45 p. m.	6:00 a. m.
Night Express	9:00 p. m.	6:00 a. m.

CINCINNATI AIR LINE.

Union Depot, West Side, near Madison & Indiana.		
Day Express	8:00 a. m.	8:15 p. m.
Night Express	7:00 p. m.	9:20 a. m.

CINCINNATI AIR LINE—FOR INDIANAPOLIS AND LOUISVILLE.

Day Express	8:00 a. m.	8:15 p. m.
Night Express	7:00 p. m.	9:20 a. m.

ILLINOIS CENTRAL—DEPOT, FOOT OF LAKE STREET.

Day Express	9:00 a. m.	5:30 p. m.
Night Express	5:30 p. m.	9:00 a. m.

CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND AND PACIFIC.

Express	9:00 a. m.	5:30 p. m.
Night Express	5:30 p. m.	9:00 a. m.
Hyde Park Train	7:00 a. m.	8:00 a. m.
Hyde Park Train	12:00 m.	1:00 p. m.
Hyde Park Train	5:00 p. m.	6:00 p. m.

GALENA AND CHICAGO UNION.

Fulton Passenger	9:00 a. m.	4:30 p. m.
Fulton Passenger	5:00 p. m.	10:00 a. m.
Freeport Passenger	9:00 a. m.	4:30 p. m.
Freeport Passenger	5:00 p. m.	10:00 a. m.
Rockford, Rock. Fox River and Rockford, Rock. Fox River		11:10 a. m.
and State Line	4:00 p. m.	9:30 a. m.
Geneva Passenger	9:30 p. m.	

CHICAGO AND ST. LOUIS.

Mail Passenger	9:00 a. m.	10:30 a. m.
Night Passenger	9:30 p. m.	5:45 a. m.

Joliet and Wilmington Accommodation.

WALTER P. COTTLE, Manager.

Day Express and Mail	9:00 a. m.	4:45 p. m.
Night Express	11:00 p. m.	6:30 a. m.
Joliet Accommodation	4:00 p. m.	9:30 a. m.

CHICAGO, BURLINGTON AND QUINCY.

Day Express and Mail	9:00 a. m.	4:30 p. m.
Night Express	11:30 p. m.	6:30 a. m.
Aurora Accommodation	4:30 p. m.	10:10 a. m.

CHICAGO, ST. PAUL AND FOND DU LAC.

Express	9:00 a. m.	5:30 p. m.
Night Express	5:30 p. m.	9:00 a. m.

CHICAGO AND NORTH WESTERN—DEPOT CORNER KINZIE AND WEST WATER STREETS.

Day Express	9:00 a. m.	6:30 p. m.
Night Express	1:30 p. m.	6:30 a. m.
Fox River Accommodation	5:00 p. m.	10:00 a. m.

CHICAGO AND MILWAUKEE.

Express	9:00 a. m.	6:30 p. m.
Mail Express	11:30 a. m.	11:35 p. m.
Milwaukee Accomodation	5:00 p. m.	8:30 a. m.

* Sundays excepted. † Saturdays excepted. ‡ Mondays excepted.

Hours of closing of Mails at the Post Office.

Mich. South	10:00 a. m.	12 midnight.	10:30 a. m.
	12:00 p. m.	10 midnight.	12:30 p. m.
Mich. Central	8:00 a. m.	12 midnight.	10:00 a. m.
	12:00 p. m.	10 midnight.	12:30 p. m.
Pitts & Ft. W.	8:00 a. m.	12 midnight.	10:00 a. m.
	6:00 a. m.	12 midnight.	10:00 a. m.
Chi. Alt. Line	6:00 a. m.	12 midnight.	10:00 a. m.
Chi. & Lou. via	6:00 a. m.	12 midnight.	10:00 a. m.
Rock Island	6:00 a. m.	12 midnight.	10:00 a. m.
Nor. Western	8:00 a. m.	1:00 p. m.	6:30 p. m.
	6:00 p. m.	1:00 p. m.	10:00 a. m.
Milwaukee	8:00 a. m.	1:00 p. m.	6:30 p. m.
	6:00 p. m.	1:00 p. m.	10:00 a. m.
Galena & Chi.	11:00 a. m.	8:00 p. m.	4:30 p. m.
	11:00 p. m.	8:00 p. m.	4:30 p. m.
Dixon Air Line	11:00 a. m.	8:00 p. m.	4:30 p. m.
	11:00 p. m.	8:00 p. m.	4:30 p. m.
C. B. & Q.	11:00 a. m.	8:00 p. m.	4:30 p. m.
	11:00 p. m.	8:00 p. m.	4:30 p. m.
Rock Island	9:45 a. m.	3:00 p. m.	11:45 a. m.
	9:45 p. m.	3:00 p. m.	11:45 a. m.
Alton & St. Lou	8:30 a. m.	6:00 p. m.	10:00 a. m.
	8:30 p. m.	6:00 p. m.	10:00 a. m.
Illinois Cent.	9:30 a. m.	6:00 p. m.	10:00 a. m.
	9:30 p. m.	6:00 p. m.	10:00 a. m.

SUPPLEMENTARY. Eastern mails via Cairo and Canada are suspended under this arrangement.

For Sale.

FOR SALE—About 40,000 ft. Elm Lumber—1, 1½, 1¾ and 2 inches thick. H. K. RICKARDS, corner of Lake and Wells streets.

FOR SALE—A first class house in the Dutton Addition, price ——— ———

One	to	do
Two	to	do
Three	to	do

Lots on Prairie, Calumet and Dutton avenues. J. H. WHITNEY, Real Estate Broker, Room No. 8 Telegraph Building.

FOR SALE—Portable Engine, six horse, new, and in complete running order; also a two horse second-hand. H. K. RICKARDS, corner Lake and Wells streets, Chicago.

FOR SALE—$225, $225, $225 will buy 80 acres of land in Webster County, Iowa, and the same amount of money will buy 80 acres in Hancock County, Iowa, adjoining the state; to the mines. This property is unimproved. Address ——— ———

FOR SALE—Cheap, a small Portable Grist and Planing Mill, in a good locality. Address J. F. C., Tribune office.

FOR SALE—A large Iron Safe, weighing 1,000 lbs., at the southeast corner of West Madison and Aberdeen streets, in grocery store. Inquire of ——— ———

FOR SALE—Two Lots on the Boulevard, between Ashland and Western avenues. Two Acres, and Harriers; each 25 by 124 feet.

Real Estate Agent, No. 4 Metropolitan Block.

FOR SALE—Land. At $5.00 per acre, 160 acres in Livingston county, Ill. For particulars, address J. WARNER, ——— ———

FOR SALE—First class Restaurant. A fine marble front building, five stories and basement, in a central location. Also on South Clark street, with two brick stores and dwelling attached. Apply to J. P. OLINGER, Real Estate Broker, 46 Clark street, Room No. 8.

FOR SALE—One pair of Black Horses, five years old, weight 2600 pounds each, closely matched, quality broken. Corrected pedigree. Apply to P. O'BRIEN & CO., 75 Lake street, Chicago.

FOR SALE—60,000 Clear Competent Steel Cigars; please stock in the market. For sale at a large discount. Apply at 46 South Clark street, or by mail to P. O. Box 1,017.

FOR SALE—House and Lot on Wabash avenue, containing ten and one-half rooms, on lease, for one and one-half years from May 1st next. Rent, $30 per month. Apply to ——— ———

FOR SALE—A ten acre garden 22 miles from the Court House, with good house, good cultivation, good fruit, and fine location. Apply to NATHANIEL GAGE, 100 South Clark street, or at Gage's Lumber Yard, corner Lake and Canal streets.

FOR SALE—A splendid opportunity to enjoy in a free, free business. A Cigar Store, well stocked, fixtures and trade, now doing a good business, and a rare chance for a man with a small capital. Apply at 97 South Clark street, or by mail to P. O. Box 1,017.

FOR SALE—A Farm for sale. Twenty-eight miles from Chicago, one mile from Elgin, forty acres under cultivation, good house and Chicago State Road, and Chicago and Galena Railroad. Apply to ——— ———

FOR SALE—An Improved Farm of 80 acres, near Chatsworth, Livingston county, Illinois, 100 miles from Chicago, on the Chicago and Alton Railroad. Apply to ——— ———

FOR SALE—Fine Residence Property, Six Lots on Wabash avenue, three

Amusements.

VICKER'S THEATRE.

Lessee and Manager.....Mr. JOHN COLLINS
Stage Manager.....Mr. JAMES WAL...
Treasurer.....Mr. J. H. HAMILTON

THIS (WEDNESDAY) EVENING, Dec. 23, 1863, will be presented the Comedy in 5 acts, entitled

MR. T. P. PRICE, Manager, has the honor to announce that

YOUR LIFE'S IN DANGER!

Mr. Myers [illegible] on the stage, [illegible] Mr. Myers [illegible] Mr. Myers [illegible] Mr. Myers

Chicago Tribune.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1862.

THE CITY.

LIBBY PRISONERS RETURNED.

PARTICULARS OF THEIR TREATMENT.

Humanity in the North and South Contrasted.

A few days ago we published the particulars of an arrangement by which surgeons and chaplains in either army, were not to be considered as combatants, and those in prison were to be released. In compliance with this arrangement ninety-five Union surgeons were released from Libby and other rebel prisons, and one hundred and twenty rebel surgeons released from our military prisons. By an order of the Secretary of War, those released surgeons have a leave of absence for twenty days, to visit their homes, when they will all return to the service.

Yesterday we received a call from S. B. Hawley, Surgeon of the 88th Illinois, (from Aurora;) Thos. L. Magee, Surgeon of the 31st Illinois, (residence Peoria;) and J. W. Dewey, Assistant Surgeon, 8th Illinois, (residence Sparta, Ill.) who were released from Libby Prison on the 26th of November, and passed through the city yesterday, homeward bound.

THE TRANSFER.

They said the statements now made are inadequate to convey the impressions upon their minds, as they left the horrors, impoverished and devastated South, where all is ruined, disaffection, hopeless poverty, wretchedness, and in many cases starvation, and a wicked the contrast as they passed into loyal, prosperous, thrifty North, where hundreds of all kinds, in broad daylight, were thronging where every avenue of commerce and of trade is taxed to its utmost, and everybody appears busy, prosperous and happy—present in the midst of scenes of war scenes at an early day. In crushing out the rebellion forever. The transition was to them as from darkness to noon day sunlight—as one said, and those who could be so strangely are unknown to the English language "from Libby Prison to their homes in the Northwest!"

Their description of the treatment of Union officers and soldiers in rebel prisons, fully corroborate what our own and other loyal citizens' journals we have since published.

PRISONERS' RATIONS SOUTH AND SOUTH CONSIDERED.

These gentlemen were taken prisoners at Chickamauga on the 20th of September, and, at last, under guard in charge of one of our wounded men in our works, when they were taken to the Libby Prison, arriving there on the 24th of October. While on the battle-field all they had in eat was roasted corn, after a few days when this supply failed them, they lived on boiled wheat. While at Raleigh, N. C., and previous to Libby, their rations consisted of one pint of Raleigh cream colored "cracker" to "hard tacks"—per 24 hours.

In Libby has been regularly daily "ration rations" by Federal officers, consist of half a pound of corn bread—made from meal of corn and two ounces of pork. Frequently small, shriveled and fire sweet potatoes were substituted for the bread, and occasionally a bowl of rice was issued for the pork. Themselves per day at the rate of a pint of meal for what proved to be either rye or rice roasted and ground. We have specimens of the "hard-tack" and "corn-pone" rations. The cracker we have already described—it is about the size of an ordinary soda cracker, and we had that it raised, broken with the hands. The bread (of which two pieces per day are allowed) are three inches square, about an inch thick, and weigh a little over half a pound of corn-bread per day. This meagre specimen before us is as hard as a kiln-dried piece of corn, and unpalatable to say one save a starving man. These are the rations to officers.

Below we present, in contrast, a list of rations (as obtained from Major Hosford, in charge of the Commissary Department, at Camp Douglas,) actually issued to prisoners of war daily at said camp:

1 lb. pork or bacon, fair quality, and all inspected.

1 lb. Fresh Beef three times a week, first quality.
1 lb. Fresh Corn Meal and Superfine Wheat Flour, (divided generally ¾ meal and ¼ flour).
10 lbs Hominy to each 100 rations.
10 lbs Coffee " "
10 lbs Tea " "
10 lbs Sugar " "
4 qts Vinegar " "
To Administration Candles to each 100 rations.
4 lbs Soap to each 100 rations.
2 lbs Salt " "
½ lb Pepper " "
½ lb Potatoes " "
½ lb Molasses " "

These articles are issued regularly between the hours of 11 a. m. and 4 p. m. to prisoners, and the commissary is open at all times to the inspection of the Commissioner of Prot and other officers. Every article comprising the rations is inspected and all inferior or unsound articles are rejected.

There is a small amount of "Prisoners' Savings" (so called) over the articles of rice, hominy, &c., but the amount thus saved is appropriated for the prisoners' benefit, in making their quarters more favorable and supplying their wants in various ways.

Our readers can easily contrast the difference between the treatment of Union officers and soldiers in southern prisons and our treatment of rebel prisoners. The above issued becomes more apparent that there is no doubt about the prompt receipt of supplies sent to the officers in Libby Prison; but there has been some in the management of the department for private orders, and it is question. able whether supplies for them would be sure of reaching any particular individuals, as they are frequently changed from place to place.

ARREST OF TWO SECESSIONISTS FROM FRENCH SOURCES.

On Monday evening two Illinois soldiers arrived in this city who made their escape from Libby Prison on the night of the 14th ult. Thomas J. Orr, a private in company F, 15th Illinois Infantry, and W. Cummins, a corporal in the 73d Illinois Infantry, are the names of the brave boys who ran the gauntlet, and through severe trials and hardships reached the Federal lines, and arrive on a visit to their friends on a twenty day's furlough. Orr enlisted at Syracuse, N. Y., and was captured on the 19th of July, at Jackson, Miss. Cummins was wounded and captured on the Chickamauga.

These soldiers' thrilling incidents connected with their escape—how they lowered themselves down from a third story window with a rope made from their bed clothes—landing on a sidewalk on one of the public streets of Richmond, and passing between the sentinels unseen—how they swam the James river, hide the storm, and traveled through the country by night (concealing themselves during the day) until they reached the Union lines at Williamsburgh. They say that but for the kindness of the negroes in supplying food on the way they must have starved.

These returned officers state that the treatment of men at Richmond cannot be aggravated—that their sufferings and privations are horrible, and that humanity in the rebels is banished as well as barbarism. When they left the prisoners were driven at the point of the bayonet by the guard to see a calf bloody for which could not be cared or checked for want of proper medicines, and others of actual starvation or sickness engendered by the want of sufficient or wholesome food. The rebels, at Richmond, and that the cause of the "Yankee prisoners" there is 12,000, and they are making arrangements to transfer many of them to Lynchburg, Danville, and other places. There were very few Illinois or Wisconsin soldiers among the prisoners at Richmond, though quite a number from Iowa—most of the prisoners are from Ohio and Indiana. The number now guarding Richmond does not exceed 7,000. Orr, and the other prisoners, made his escape once before, but was recaptured. He was then among those in the Belle Island prison, on James river. They knocked down the guard with clubs and swam for the river. One of their number was caught in a fishing net and drowned, another was shot, and he be the other three eventually escaped, were taken to Castle Thunder, and chained to the floor for three days, without anything whatever to eat or drink during that time. Our eyes are raise now dying then, and only wonders he didn't.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Animated Discussions on Dictionaries and Teachers' Salaries—Comptroller's Opinion of Appropriation for Night Schools.

At a meeting of the Board of Education held yesterday afternoon at three o'clock, in the rooms of the same, the Secretary read the minutes of the last three meetings, which were approved.

The report of the Committee on buildings and grounds, was then made by Mr. Wahl, who said that the new Haven building was progressing well, and that every thing else was in good order.

The Apparatus and Furniture Committee reported that sixty-four seats for new rooms, as additions to Bridgeport School, have been estimated for.

The Committee on the Appointment of Teachers, proposed, that whereas teachers of the 9th and 10th wards, received at therefore 15 dollars—and there appeared by the Superintendent as having excelled, received 16 dollars—the amount should be increased to twenty-five dollars for each excelling person, per month. One of the reasons assigned was because they had now to take care of some three or four rooms extra.

It was moved that purchases be made of slate pencils and of Webster's Dictionary, and 10 grades, as presented in the report, which motion was directed to be made by the Superintendent.

The meeting was called over, and it was finally ordered that that part of the resolution which referred to the salaries of teachers that which related to the increase be laid on the table, and that all items in the report should be provided by the Board for the ensuing year. It appears to be the intention of the Superintendent said that the cost of the Dictionaries would be about $2,000.

It was moved that the Superintendent be empowered to ask publishers to give in estimates for a copy of Webster's, of 10 grades, for the use of the Board, for the ensuing year.

The motion in effect was, that the vote "yes" be to the electors, aye, or no; and the ayes had it. This completed the business of the meeting.

Previous to the meeting every day, a teacher in the city schools, a member of the Board of Education, and a number of private citizens were also present.

Professor Sherwood, who has the order of the day, gave a lecture on Elocution, which was listened to with great attention by the audience. Prof. Sherwood is a graduate of the Boston School of Oratory, and has been engaged in the profession of teaching for many years. He is a gentleman of fine address, and is well qualified for the position he occupies.

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It is strange to the record and remember of the meeting, but to see the cool manner in which the members of the Board of Education were received and treated on the occasion of the visit of the Committee of the Common Council, on finance. Here they were the object of their visit, and which explains a great deal of the apathy manifested by the Board on the occasion. Here they were the object of their visit, and which explains a great deal of the apathy manifested by the Board on the occasion.

Important Decision of Judge Williams.

Liability of Railroad Companies to Holders of Complimentary Tickets.

In the Circuit Court of Cook County on Saturday last, Judge Williams delivered an important and able opinion in a case involving the question of the liability of railroad companies, for the safety of passengers riding on complimentary tickets. This opinion is of some length, but we think it is of sufficient interest to the profession, railroad companies and the public, generally, to warrant us in giving it in full. The professional reader will find in it the New York decisions which seem to hold a contrary doctrine, thoroughly and searchingly reviewed.

Thomas D. Read v. Illinois Central Railroad Company. Demurrer to plea.

This is an action brought by the plaintiff against the defendants to recover damages for injuries sustained by plaintiff upon defendant's road.

The declaration alleges that those injuries were occasioned by the gross negligence of the defendants and its servants in allowing a freight train running upon its road to be propelled against a stopped car in which the plaintiff was riding.

To this declaration, the defendant has filed several special pleas, alleging that the plaintiff was at the time of the collision using a complimentary ticket issued to him by the defendant, without the payment of any consideration on the part of plaintiff therefor, upon which ticket there was an indorsement that the passenger should assume all risks of accidents, and that the defendant should not be liable under any circumstances, whether of negligence or otherwise, for any injury to his person or property while using the same.

To these pleas the plaintiff has demurred, and the question thus presented is, whether the acceptance of such a ticket on the part of the passenger who is subsequently injured, creates a binding obligation upon him, in case his injuries have resulted from the gross carelessness of the railroad company or its servants.

That the acceptance of such a ticket constitutes a contract between the passenger and the common carrier, I think, is very clear, both upon principle and authority; leaving for the determination of the Court in this case only the question, whether the contract is in whole or in part obligatory upon the passenger.

Strong arguments can be found for and against the validity of such a contract. The question must be determined by the application of legal principles and in the light of adjudged cases.

One of the cases in which the carriers right to restrict his liability has been discussed and determined, have involved only injuries to property, not injuries to the person. In these cases "New York cases, which it is said establish a contrary doctrine, I think, are not in point, and are not to be followed when it comes in conflict with such high authority; but I am relieved in part by the different opinions of distinguished judges who have been attracted by the New York decisions.

In the case of Harbour [641] the contract was on that to the one now before me. Although the court held that it limited gross negligence, yet in England, the courts have gone further, and held fraud or bad faith would not be given by such a contract, and that the carrier was bonded only to the negligence of the servants of the railroad company; impliedly excluding the slightest degree of negligence. In effect certain, by the court placed a restriction upon the contract, which changed the effect of the contractive party to make such agreement as he chose, yet omitted the right. Important parties—as in this case, to be bound by such a contract, has embraced in its term without negligence than that of the carrier, his servants, and also that gross negligence which implies fraud and bad faith as will be slightly degree of negligence and fraud from all liability except that of gross negligence.

Fifth. If inserted in in other States they would be construed rather than disputed, the motives for care on the part of common carriers of passengers motives which it is not the policy of the law to encourage.

Deservedly high as authority on are the decisions of the New York Court of Appeals, such decisions cannot make the law, they merely are evidence that in the opinion of the Judges the law is. I cannot but think that in the case now before me, the law is more held in New York, and so now held by the courts in other States, has been departed from, and I must adhere to what I regard as the well established principle of the law, which makes a contract on the part of common carrier of passengers, exempting himself from gross negligence or wilful misfeasance void.

The demurrers to the special pleas will therefore be sustained.

Messrs. Miller & Lewis for plaintiff; McAllister & Jewett for defendant.

The Soldiers' Home.

The benevolence and patriotism of the people of this city and vicinity was illustrated in a very pleasant and in a princely manner. The North-western Fair was a great success; the Soldiers' Home will be a success. Now we know that some benevolent and patriotic men have contributed liberally to connect with one of our institutions of learning to offer to the sons of the brave men who have lost their lives in defence of the country, a full course of scientific, tuition and board free. This plan is to be inaugurated next Friday evening at the Baptist Church, by an address on the state of the country by the distinguished statesman, Hon. S. S. Dickey. The Mayor has consented to preside, and as it is a great and important work, we bespeak for it a hearty reception by all the people.

FACT VS. FICTION.—Some of our cotemporaries are in the habit of pronouncing any article, that appears in any of our columns, which they have failed to learn the particulars of as "fictitious, extravagant, and sensational stories." This is a very poor excuse for lack of enterprise on the part of the delinquents, and especially so when the facts of the articles which appeared in the TRIBUNE of Sunday and Monday, (and which no other paper had any knowledge of till published,) were pronounced as "romances." If our disappointed neighbors still desire further facts in the cases alluded to, they can probably obtain them by calling on Thomas Bennett, Jackson st. or Mr. Scott, Canal street; and as to the Priest in question, the same was Bryan, formerly from Fourth, and since he was so summarily handled by the police and by Father Dunn, he is from Chicago. Other Morris can supply the legal reporters with the items.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.—Armory yesterday morning, before Justice McDonald.—Twelve cases of drunks were disposed of this morning, with more ranging from ten to fifty dollars. A colored man, name unknown, was up on a charge of larceny and bound over in the sum of $400 to appear next Monday at the Criminal Court. Margaret McGinley was then arraigned for selling liquor without license. Officer Sullivan for Police Sergeant Dowling testified to seeing the defendant selling liquor to a boy. Fined $50 and costs. Ann Ryan, for disturbing witnesses in the case of Margaret McGinley, was fined $5 and costs. Ann Ryan, for disturbing witnesses in the case of Margaret McGinley, was fined $5 and costs.

Ladies Loyal League.

EVENING TWENTIETH.—The question is constantly asked, "Of what use is the Women's Union League?" As one of the advantages derived from that organization, I take pleasure in acknowledging the receipt of dollars from the "Ladies' Loyal League of the women of Chicago," for the benefit of the "Free School Association for Refugees and Freedmen," as follows: From the "Ladies' Loyal League" of Second Church, $25.00; C. P. Kimball, $5.00; E. G. Cook, $5.00; Mrs. Gen. Sherman, $5.00; Chas. Covell, $5.00; J. C. Vose, $5.00.

F. HUNTER, Treas.

Chicago, Dec. 1, 1862.

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

THE MONEY MARKET.

TUESDAY EVENING, Dec. 2, 1862.

The feature in the money market, is the gradual tightening of New York exchanges. The rates are still quoted at ½ per cent buying, and ¼ per cent selling. Were not the demand for currency still heavy the selling price would be ¾.

The disbursements for gold is unsettled and feverish, operators being at their will's ends to determine whether it is likely to go up or down. The rates in Wall street to-day, as reported by private dis-patches; at 9:30 a. m. 101½; 9:45, 101¾; 10:30 p. m., 102¾, closing at the second board at 102¾. The buying rate in Chicago is 100@101—the lower the more usual rate.

Silver—Little offering. Buyers pay 103@106. Legal tenders soon unchanged, viz: 100¾ buying, selling ¾.

Money is still exceedingly close, and rates of discount very firm at 1@1½ per cent.

The Milwaukee Sentinel of yesterday says We have still to report a very stringent money market for this season of the year. Legitimate business is dull, and very few are in want of money. Nobody expects this penalty of money to be anything more than of brief duration.

BANK NOTES.—The bank of the Metropolis, of Boston, has gone into liquidation, and a "Bank of Metropolis, or S. A. Way's Bank, as per public notice, exists.

The City Bank of Columbus, Ohio, by order of the Court, is winding up its affairs. The outstanding liabilities of the Bank have been redeemed for redemption previous to the 1st of June, 1864, to the Franklin Bank, of Columbus, Ohio. W. A. Platt has been appointed receiver.

There are nearly 4,000 different accounts in the Townsend Savings Bank at New Haven with children, all in name of the depositors.

Messrs. J. E. Turcotte, Hector Langevin and C. DeBoucherville were chosen Directors for the Credit Foncier, at Montreal, on Monday last.

A branch of the Commercial Bank of India, which has branches at London, Calcutta, Tuticorn, Hong Kong, Hankow, and Shanghai, has been established in San Francisco, under the supervision of Richard Newby, Esq. The leading objects of this agency, for the present, will be to facilitate the transfer of the chase of bullion for Oriental markets; with an ultimate view to the greater facilitation of commercial intercourse between the countries.

M. Emile Perfere, a noted Parisian financier, has purchased the Bank of Savoy, which has a right to its bank notes as issued by the Government, and the Bank of France, which has the sole right in its own country of issuing such notes. The Bank of Savoy is to have an increased capital, and will shortly come in conflict with the Bank of France.

COMPARATIVE.—The following is a list of new companies organized in the city of New York and chartered during the week ending Nov. 27, 1862:

Union Bank, Boston, Mass.—Sr. Vig., two females and six males.

Adams Bank, North Adams, Mass.—Sr. Imitation.

Bank of Commerce, Boston, Mass.—Sr. Imitation, in the true bill. On the right end of the gnantee note in the circle of each figure. On the left end of the counterfeit is in to an embankment with a tree to the left of the figure in front of the embankment.

Bristol Co. Bank, Taunton, Mass.—Sr altered from Vig., three females; lower right, bust of female with shield and sword; Sr. left and 5, female figure.

Bank of Rutland, Vt.—Sr. counterfeit, Vig., drove of cattle fording a stream of water, farm house in the distance; genuine note has a female figure in the foreground, one with sickle and sheaf of grain, in lower left corner.

Farmers' Bank of the City of Troy, Troy, N. Y.—Sr. altered from Vig., three females; lower right, bust of female with shield and sword; Sr. left and 5, male portrait.

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Mechanics' Bank, Buffalo, N. Y.—Sr. Vig., altered. Vig., two females; lower right, bust of female with shield and sword; Sr. left and 5, male portrait.

Mechanics' Bank, Baltimore, Md.—Sr. Vig., marine Vig., left end THREE, eagle, 3; left end 3, eagle.

Citizens' Bank, Baltimore, Md.—Sr spurious. Vig., head of Washington in upper left corner.

Bills are afloat in the southern part of the State purporting to be issued by the "Hartford Exchange Bank" in Indiana. There is no such bank.

New York Stock and Money Market.

NEW YORK, Dec. 1, 1862.

STOCKS—Better.

Mo. 6's	87½	Mich. So.	76¾
Union Pac.	40	Mich. Cen.	122
Erie	90	Mich. So. guaranteed	115
Pacific Mail	200¾	Mich. So. guaranteed	115
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R. & P. W.	93½	Ill. Cent.	112
R. & P. W. pref.	93½	R. I.	112
Rock Island	112	R. I.	112
Fort Wayne	97	R. I.	112
Reading	112	R. I.	112
		R. I.	112

GOVERNMENTS—Quiet.

U. S. 6's, 1881	107½
U. S. 5's, 1874	

MONEY—Active and firm at 7 per cent.

Sterling exchange quiet at 109@110.

GOLD—Opening at 102, declining to 101¾ and closing steady at 102¾.

COMMERCIAL.

TUESDAY EVENING, Dec. 2, 1862.

During the past week the leading markets have ruled heavy and lower, and we note a decline in flour of 10@15c per bbl; in wheat of 2c per bush; corn, 1@2c per bushel; on Oats, 2@3c per bushel on rye, and 5@6c on barley. Provisions close 5c higher on the week. Lard is unchanged. Highwines close the more active and firm.

The following table shows the receipts and shipments during the past week:

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS OF FLOUR DURING THE WEEK.

	Receipts.	Shipments.
By Lake,	20,000	16,000
" Galena & Chicago Union R. R.,	2,000	
" Chicago & Rock Island R. R.,	1,000	
" Chicago & Milwaukee R. R.,	2,000	
" Chicago, Alton & St. Louis R. R.,	1,000	
" Illinois Central R. R.,	1,000	
" Michigan Southern R. R.,	2,000	
Total last week,	29,000	16,000
Total previous week,	27,000	20,000
Corresponding week in 1861,	25,000	15,000
Corresponding week in 1860,	20,000	10,000

The receipts during the week have been light and the demand has been extremely active, and prices have advanced 10@15c per bbl. Extra brands have therefore been in demand, and we note sales of 1,000 bbls at $4.75@5.00 per bbl. Spring extra is still quoted at $4.50@4.75 per bbl. The following tables show the transactions during the week:

DAILY TRANSACTIONS OF FLOUR DURING THE WEEK.

Date.	Bbls.	Price.	Dest.
Nov. 25	1,000	$4.75	Buffalo
"	1,000	4.75	Buffalo
"	1,000	4.75	Buffalo
"	1,000